

**ENTERED**

July 20, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
LAREDO DIVISION

LEONEL CAZARES, §  
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Plaintiff, § CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:17-CV-167  
VS. §  
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ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, *et al.*, §  
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Defendants. §  
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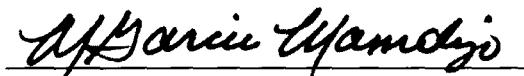
**MEMORANDUM**

Before the Court is the Parties' Amended Joint Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice (Dkt. No. 22). Parties in a civil suit may generally dismiss the suit without a court order upon the filing of a stipulation of dismissal "signed by all parties who have appeared." FED. R. CIV. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). This general rule is subject to limitations in class action suits, shareholder derivative suits, and suits where the court has appointed a receiver. *See* FED. R. CIV. P. 41(a). None of those limitations apply here.

Thus, because the filing is signed by all parties who have appeared in this case, all of Plaintiff's claims were dismissed with prejudice "effective upon [the] filing" of the Stipulation of Dismissal. *See SmallBizPros, Inc. v. MacDonald*, 618 F.3d 458, 463 (5th Cir. 2010) ("Because filing a voluntary stipulation of dismissal . . . is effective immediately, any action by the district court after the filing of such a stipulation can have no force or effect because the matter has already been dismissed by the parties themselves without any court action.").

The Clerk of Court is hereby directed to CLOSE this case.

SIGNED July 20, 2018.

  
Marina Garcia Marmolejo  
United States District Judge